



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	06-08-04	Interpretation #	04-026
Topic	Propane heaters		
Code Section(s)	§2501.17; §8001.15.2.2.5, California Fire Code (2001)		
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***Do Sections 2501.17 and 8001.15.2.2.5 prohibit propane heat lamps (the propane containers are 5 to 6 pounds) to be in restaurant patio dining with Group A occupancies (confined and/or enclosed outside dining area with occupant load of 50 or more)?***

No. However, these types of heating devices should not be used in areas which are enclosed by walls and a roof due to the specific gravity properties of propane and requirements for venting to the exterior. The units shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Section 1107 of the California Fire Code (2001).